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MIGRANT WORK IN CALIFORNIA

CALIFORNIA'S CHIEF CROP

The Crop

California's chief crop—what is it? it the cotton of the south, or the ples of the north, or the grapes and anges and prunes and melons and paragus that grow all the way in tween? None of these. California's ief crop moves itself, never stays ng in one place, and never reaches e markets. It is the crop of migrant ildren, numbers unknown, but somehere between ten and twenty thound, who follow the other crops from e Mexican line on the south to the regon line on the north, and beyond. hey are here today and gone toorrow. Paid off on one ranch, they ip away, almost without sound, in e night, to another. They are Mexans, Italians, Japanese, Hindoos, egroes and white Americans. Occaonally, in the north, a group of Inans drop down for a season and ts away again. Children—like you nearly twenty thousand of them—cking fruit for you to eat.

The Cultivation—I

Experts all over the state are giving ought and effort to the bettering our vegetable crops. What is being ne for our human crop? The cens-taker cannot be sure of his figures ncerning them. The child-labor law es not touch them. The truant offir, often, cannot find them. The mmission on Immigration and ousing, and the State Board of Edution, are trying valiantly to cope ith the problem. But the answer to is far to seek.

II

Quoted from report by Miss Ballard. *"Houses—could you call them that? reds of burlap, patches of oil-cans, d bits of dry-goods boxes, tacked gether, tied together, wired together the wind and the rain seeping in, ite of the paper and rag-stuffed acks. Children here, there, and erywhere—chickens, pigs and dogs, eeping, eating and playing in the one ack—that's the Imperial Valley and s Mexican labor (migrant) settlement. etter places? Yes, some. A few al tents, and real houses. But all o many of the kind described." What nch owner wants to be at the exnse of putting up houses for use two onths of the year, to stand empty r ten?

Schools? Where is the ordinary ral school to find room to stow away over-night arrival of 100 to 200 ildren, let alone teach them anying? Establish a special school for em? Before the roof is on, they e gone. Even before the school auorities have found out how many e of school age, out of this horde at has suddenly drifted in from somehere else, they are gone to somehere else again—only a different mewhere else this time. "You canot educate a procession," says one orker. The children are usually eager r school; the parents usually much ss eager for them to go. The more ildren in school, the fewer little finrs to gather fruit and vegetables and to increase the pay at the end of e week. So, often, the parents deceive the truant officer, where such exists.

III

Finally, the greatest handicap of all that the public school labors under, is its inability to bring any religious instruction to these little waifs. More than one student of affairs has voiced the conviction that the education of the mental side only of the child without the spiritual is but opening the way for more intelligent criminals. Leopold and Loeb had more education of the mind than all our little migrants together will ever have. It is a problem for Christianity, and for the highest patriotism. Christian work for the Coast heads up in Miss Adele Ballard, who has under her several assistants. Less formidable in the eyes of the migrants than the public school officials, more concerned of necessity than they with the bodily and spiritual needs of the children, they can often get results where the others have failed. There is no rivalry. The public education department asks for help. United, the local churches, the various civic and educational organizations, are working with Miss Ballard to find the answer to an almost impossible sum.

The Harvest

Last Christmas Miss Reed, one of Miss Ballard's assistants, took the "Baby Migrant" and a Christmas tree in the back of the car and started to make the round of the camps. You would never guess who Baby Migrant is. It is about the only baby migrant you do not need to feel sorry for. It is the little portable organ that is carried around in the San Joaquin and Imperial Valleys to bring brightness and cheer to the camps. It has brought so much that it should be a very happy "organito," as the Mexicans call it. At each camp on this trip the Christmas tree was set up and decorated (the decorations were carried around, too); gifts that friends had been sending in to Miss Reed for weeks before Christmas (don't you wish yours had been there?) were distributed to little folk who had never had a Christmas gift before; Christmas hymns were played and sung, with the help of organito; then Miss Reed told the Christmas story. And think of this, you who cannot remember when you did not know it, there were many in those listening crowds who heard it that day for the first time. Darkest Africa? No, Christian America.

In one of the camps was a little lame girl with a voice like a song-bird and a name like the morning—Aurora. Some one whom Miss Reed had interested had given her music lessons. Some one else offered to take her from the camp and put her in school for the rest of the year—actually to be in the same school for six months, beside the music training. It spelled heaven for Aurora.

One poor mite with withered legs was able only to wriggle round in the dust after the other children, at another camp. To Miss Ballard's question if the mother had taken it to the doctor, the answer was an emphatic negative. To the poor ignorant mother, the clinic was a place where babies were tortured, and she was going to keep hers safe. Little by little the Christian workers win the confidence of such dark minds, and where they will not go alone, they are willing to go with Miss Reed or Miss Ballard.

So the work goes on—with a group here, with an individual there. But, alas, long ago the greatest of teachers said longingly: "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few." The need in Galilee of old is the need in California today: more laborers, more laborers. But listen: once again comes the echo of an earlier cry: "How shall they teach unless they be sent?"

Part of the money you give goes to this work, through our state Conference. Further information will be gladly furnished by Miss Adele Ballard, whose mail will be forwarded to her from the Baptist Headquarters, 228 McAllister St., San Francisco.

By Miss Helen M. Perkins.

F. C. W. SPRING MEETING

A perfect day, a delightful ride, a cordial and gracious welcome, and a stimulating and interesting program—these were the outstanding characteristics of the spring meeting of the Federation of Congregational Women, held last month at Benicia.

The dominant note in the program was the one which has sounded so much of late in our meetings, public and private—universality of interest. In the morning two young Japanese women spoke to us on Christian work in Japan and in America. Their inspiring goal for this country is: "All the Japanese in America for Christ." We rejoiced with Mr. Chinn, college graduate and business man, in his experience of "a fireplace and a real welcome" in American homes in eastern cities: nor, as we heard Mr. Chinn, did that seem remarkable. The high point of the meeting was, perhaps, the beautiful interpretation of the negro spirituals by Mrs. Morgan, who has traveled over many lands with later groups of the Fisk Jubilee singers, and who has been taught by one of the original band.

Of the interesting talks by our own women there is no room to speak. The program was printed last month, and it needs only to mention women like Mrs. Kofoid and Mrs. Hawkins among others to know we had a treat. The Antioch church supplied exquisite music for us. The day was a success from start to finish.

ATTRACTIVE ASILOMAR

Asilomar, ever attractive, is to be doubly so this season. On Sunday, April 22, your Superintendent, at the invitation of Miss Edith N. Stanton, attended the "Raising of the Roof Tree" of Merrill Memorial Hall and the dedication of Merrill Pool, both in memory of Mrs. John F. Merrill, so long a member of First Church, San Francisco, a member of our State Board of Directors, and one of the trustees of Asilomar.

Merrill Memorial Hall will be a large auditorium situated midway between Class Hall and Pirates Den. It will accommodate 1,000 and furnish additional equipment for the growing demand of larger conferences.

Merrill Pool is in a sheltered spot immediately north of the Tennis Courts in most charming surroundings. The exercises were brief, dignified and inspiring. At the dedication of the Pool Mrs. C. A. Kofoid of Berkeley gave the address. Several young ladies held strands of roses across the Pool, that were reflected by the clear water.

Other improvements are in evidence and in progress. Paths and buildings are well marked. Orange and green are the prevailing colors in canvas and adornment. The old stockade will give way to parking space. The old tents Nos. 1 and 5 are now enclosed tent houses.

The sea, the trees, the lovely sand are all the same, yet ever changing. These lovely attractions beckon old and young to Asilomar for our joint conferences August 3-10, 1928.

SUMMER CONFERENCE NOTES

One of the features of the Conference meeting at Asilomar next August will be a series of forums or round table discussions. It is planned to have these discussions begin at about 10 o'clock in the morning so that there will be ample time given. Some of the subjects tentatively decided upon are: "New Versions of the Bible," "The Community Church" and "The New Day in Missions." The purpose of these forums is to make of the meeting a real conference with opportunity for participation by all the delegates. For one discussion hour the Conference will divide up into sections: Ministers, laymen and women, respectively.

Announcement of the speakers cannot be made in full but we are expecting to have a number of very fine addresses from men of outstanding ability. The Conference sermon will be preached by Dr. Chauncey J. Hawkins. On Saturday night, the second day of the Conference, Dr. George Rebec, head of the department of philosophy and dean of the graduate school of the University of Oregon, will give an address, the subject being "Is the Modern World Pagan?"

Rabbi Harvey I. Newman has been invited to address a joint meeting with the Young People's Conference on Monday night and has tentatively agreed to do so. The brilliant young rabbi is well known to everyone.

There will be other joint sessions with the Young People's Conference and by the invitation of the Young People, both Conferences will assemble each morning at 8:10 for a chapel service to be led by Dr. Harley H. Gill. Many of the delegates attending the Conference meeting feel the need of a devotional period each morning and this plan will provide such a start for the day.

There will be on Tuesday evening a most interesting session at which those active in Conference work will give brief accounts of their work. Rev. Isaac Cookman will tell about his pastorate in Calaveras County. There will be a speaker to tell us of the work among migrant workers and Mr. J. K. Fukushima will tell of the remarkable service he is rendering in the Japanese community at Fresno. There will doubtless be other speakers on this program.

Further announcements will be made in the next Pacific and it is hoped that very soon the full Conference program will be printed. This is none too early for pastors and churches to begin laying plans for the Conference meeting and developing interest in it so that there will be a large attendance when we gather at Asilomar on August 3.

WANT A JOB?

This is a call for workers, real workers with a zeal for Christian service. There are opportunities for men and women, trained in various lines of service, for work in the foreign field. Se if you can qualify for any of the following:

General Evangelists and religious educationalists—5 men and 3 women wanted for work in Africa (m), India (m), Turkey, Japan, Philippines (m).

Social Settlement Worker—1 woman for India. Also a Supervisor of Settlement for India.

Teachers—15 men and 18 women, all requiring college degree or equivalent, for work all around the world. A few of these are for 3-year terms. Also 6 Domestic Science teachers wanted (college degree preferred) for work in Africa, Ceylon and Turkey, and 2 Kindergartners (certificate required) for work in India and Japan.

Physicians—6 men and 1 woman, the latter for India, the men for Africa, India, Micronesia and Philippines. Also 3 nurses for India and Turkey.

Agriculturists—3 with college degree or equivalent, for work in Africa.

If you are interested and can qualify, you can get further information from The American Board in Boston, or through Dr. Susan T. Sargent, here on the Coast.

EASTER INGATHERING

Martinez, 65.
Alameda, 45.
Pacific Grove, 23.
San Jose, 23.
Antioch, 18.
Redwood City, 17.
Santa Cruz, 17.
Oakland-Pilgrim, 15.
Fruitvale, 13.
Crockett, 10.
Oakland-Plymouth, 10.
Hayward, 9.
Sonoma, 9.
Suisun, 5.
Tulare, 2.

MR. BENNETT WILL LECTURE

The Rev. J. H. Bennett of Campbell, late of London, England, has prepared the following lectures and is willing to assist the churches. As the opportunity for outside work is limited, any one desiring service must arrange as far ahead as possible. Mr. Bennett's object is to create a true understanding of England, her life and her problems.

1. An Englishman's Impressions of America; Humorous and Otherwise.
2. The British Miner; His Life Above and Below Ground.
3. The Life of the Deep Sea Fisherman of England. Given from actual experience. This lecture is illustrated by stereopticon slides.
4. England; Politically and Socially. With special reference to the League of Nations.
5. England and the Great War; London and the Air Raids. Mr. Bennett's first charge from college was in the heart of the bombed area, at Enfield, London. Also his war experiences were gained as a social worker in the forward trenches.
6. Specially prepared lecture on London; Ancient and Modern. Illustrated by a large selection of stereoptican slides.

EUREKA

The Eureka Church, under the able leadership of Rev. C. H. Hudson, is doing some new missionary work in the neighborhood. Mr. D. P. Anderson has agreed to drive to Field's Landing and bring a load of children in to service each week, in addition to his regular job of teaching the Men's Class. It will be remembered that the buildinig at Field's Landing where Sunday School services were held was burned down last year.

CAMPBELL

The reports of the work at Campbell continue to be of a very encouraging nature. Mr. Bennett's work among the boys of all ages through the Cubs, Scouts and Sea Scouts has shown its result in a Sunday School over double in attendance every Sunday. From under 50 it is now over 120 in attendance and nearly all young people. The morning congregations are large and are so arranged as to include the younger life. The choral side of the worship has made splendid progress and a choir of 25 lead.

Last year Mr. Bennett concentrated on the youth of the town and this year he is giving the problem of the men his attention. The first meeting took place last March and over 70 men sat down to supper and afterwards discussed the day's problems freely, men of all and of no religious beliefs attending, even Roman Catholics joining in. The next meeting has been fixed for this month and over 100 men are expected. The subject will be "The Work of the League of Nations"; speaker, Mr. Perry Evans. These meetings are filling a large gap in life of the town as it affords a common ground of fellowship for men in every branch of life.

The work of the Women's Guild under the presidency of Mrs. Bennett is the outstanding feature of all the church activities. In May they are preparing for a big event to assist towards removing the remaining church building debt.

FRESNO—PILGRIM
Armenian

On Thursday, March 15, a gold-letter day was celebrated by the church. Seven couples who are members of the church and who have been married fifty or more years, were guests of honor at a dinner served by the Ladies' Aid Society. Two of the veterans are ordained ministers of the gospel, Rev. and Mrs. Hohannes Harutunian and Rev. and Mrs. Simeon Babasinian. A very interesting part of the program was that furnished by the veterans themselves when they told the large audience assembled when and where and by whom they were married. Two verses of the Scripture were used on this unique occasion:

"The days of our years are threescore years and ten, or even by reason of strength fourscore years."—Moses.

"What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder."—Jesus.

PORTERVILLE

A rather unique work in religious education is being done in the church at Porterville.

A year ago last summer in the hot climate of the San Joaquin valley, Dr. Harold S. Davidson, the pastor of the church, announced a vacation school. It was not to be of the traditional type. Its aim was to give a thoroughly scientific course of instruction in the Bible and in character training. The school began with a few young people and children. It grew. In the autumn such an interest had been awakened that the parents of the children—many of them leading members of other churches in the city—asked him to continue the work. He did so. Last summer the school doubled in attendance and interest. This winter it has been necessary to devote two afternoons a week to it. Over fifty boys have been gathering in two divisions on one afternoon and a group of girls on another. Recently two evenings in addition are being devoted to the work: One, to a group of boys from 12 to 14; the other, to a large group of high school and junior college students.

Serious work is being done, and the boys and girls take it as seriously as they do that of the public schools. So much interest has been awakened that at the closing exercises of the school last summer, leading business men gave awards to those that had completed the required work with credit, and in the autumn when the school began again both newspapers of the city devoted editorials to it and the publisher of one of the newspapers, not a church man but interested in the welfare of the community, offered an award to every boy who should complete the prescribed work for the winter.

Dr. Davidson is peculiarly fitted for this work. He is a Ph.D. of the University of Leipsic, Germany, and for a time taught Semitic languages and the background of the Bible at Columbia University, New York.

MINISTER'S SUMMER INSTITUTE

Last summer a very helpful institute was held at the Pacific School of Religion May 31 to June 10, attended by 40 or 50 ministers. A similar school will be held this summer with more emphasis put upon the Rural phases. We do not have space to publish the general outline. This Conference is much interested in the success of such an institute and the superintendent will gladly furnish information to all inquirers. More complete information can be secured by addressing Dr. C. C. McCown, Dean of the Institute at the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley.

ASILOMAR MISSIONARY CONFERENCE
July 23-August 3

The Missionary Education Movement Conference at Asilomar will be held this year nearly two weeks later than usual in order to make use of many speakers who will be in California for the World's Sunday School Convention the week of July 11-18.

This is the largest Missionary Education gathering on the coast, enrolling usually between three and four hundred, and its program is planned for missionary leaders in all organizations of the church.

"The Servants of the King" group is for the young people exclusively, and prepares them for leadership in the missionary program of the Christian Endeavor and other young people's organizations.

"Graded missionary instruction" is cared for in special age group classes from the beginners to the adults.

Special attention is given to the "Missionary Program for Women's Societies" and a group will study "The Missionary Program of the Church."

The faculty includes well-known national leaders from all the larger denominations.

NEW BOOKS

Problems of the Pacific, Proceedings of the Second Conference of the Institute of Pacific Relations, Honolulu, Hawaii, July 15 to 29, 1927. Edited by J. B. Condliffe. 630 pages. Price $3.00. The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, Ill.

ECHOES AND MEMORIES
By Bramwell Booth

(George H. Doran Co., New York)

This biography of the founder of the Salvation Army who rose from obscurity through derision and contempt to a place of honor and distinction in the world is worth any one's time. Not only is the story of the Salvation Army's founding and growth told in thrilling fashion, but some of the great figures of the 19th century, Gladstone, Stead, Cecil Rhodes and Herbert Spencer, appear in its pages.

—F. W. M.

PERSONALS

As a sign of fellowship between th old and new world, a prominent churc in Edinburgh, Scotland, has officiall asked Rev. William Rader to agai occupy its pulpit during next Augus and as an inducement to his accep ance, to secure a pulpit in Glasgo for the month of July. The kindl offer will probably not be accepted.

Rev. George E. Atkinson, our pa tor at Ceres, has had two delightfu bits of service lately, going to his fo mer parish at Martinez to help ded cate their new church, and to Hughso to act as Grand Chaplain for th Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. in dec icating the high school auditorium.

WILLIAM JOHN SPEERS
(By Miles Fisher)

(Adopted by the Bay Associatio April 24, 1928, and ordered printed The Pacific)

William John Speers was born Toronto, Canada, January 19, 185 and died in San Lorenzo, Californi March 31, 1928, in his seventy-fift year. After student days in Cobur College he was a business man Canada and Minnesota till 37 yea ago. A deep religious experience that time claimed him for the Chri tian ministry. His preparation w this very real experience of God, true love of men, vivid imaginatio ready speech and a vibrancy of h very being that marks the master audiences. But with all his gifts was humble, ever seeking to lear appreciative of others and desirin their preferment rather than his ow It is no wonder that he should ha led many to Christ and that his pa ishes one after another should ha deplored his going.

But ever new fields beckoned. So fifteen churches in California grat fully remember his ministry, tend and strong, and two churches in Lo don, from 1911 to 1915. During th period Mr. Speers lectured wide through the British Isles, a good a acceptable spokesman for America a difficult juncture. In his early bu iness career Mr. Speers prospered. was later approached by a commerci company and was offered a temptin business proposition, but declined The competency earned in busine and carried over into his ministi made it possible to serve his fiel without too heavy exaction upon the for his support. And those neare to him know best that constant ge erosities were thus made possible, t by degrees he gave away his a Treasures he had but not laid up earth. His lap will be overflowin now in riches which neither mo nor rust can corrupt.

The Bay Association adopts th tribute to the memory of our broth and instructs that a copy be sent his widow and his only child, Mrs. R. Reukema, and a copy to his brothe Rev. Luther Speers. With them share the beautiful memories of triumphant life. In sympathy commend them to the God of all co fort to whom they have often led t way for others.

Printed leaflets of the six articl on Northern California work f World Service Schools may be had application at this office.

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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE SECTION

THE WEST COAST OF MEXICO

ME REASONS IN FAVOR OF THE AN OF THE SOUTHERN CONRENCE OF CALIFORNIA TO KE OVER THE WORK OF THE NGREGATIONAL CHURCH IN MEXICO

By John Howland

. Because there seems to be an nest desire to assume this responility.

The Master's command: "Give to n that asketh," is not a simple extation to be generous in the giving alms, but it is a practical philosny of life. Not every wish should granted, for there frequently are y clear reasons for refusal; but, king these, a desire to undertake inite effort and accept certain reonsibilities cannot be refused with serious risk. Many a life has en soured, dwarfed or turned into ong channels, because youthful enisiasms and ambitions were slight- or scorned; and many an opportuy for effective co-operation has en lost because of unwillingness to cept it, by imposing unfair conns, or by evident suspicion and dist.

The American Board undertook rk in "nominally Christian lands" h considerable hesitation, and its atively small investment in this rk of interest, missionaries and ney, and the consequent small nerical results have always made support of the Mission if not a ubtful proposition, as it has been nsidered at times, at least someng that is carried on with little zest. ngregational Churches of South- California are deeply interested Mexico and the Mexican and could ng a new and vital enthusiasm to support of the work.

2. Because the Conference has a y definite and serious problem on hands already in the responsibility, ijointly with other churches, for angelistic, educational and social rk among the Mexicans within its rders. The proposed plan would d to co-ordinate this work with the ssion in Mexico, and an intimate quaintance with one of these departnts of work will help greatly in derstanding the other. While it is e that work for Mexicans in this ntry must be different in many ys from what should be done for m in their own country, it is of eat importance to know their backound in order to render them the st effective service.

3. Because it would make possible re intimate and vital contact beeen the work on the West Coast d those who support it. Owing to great distance and the more imdiate and urgent pressure from ier fields, there has been little visiion and practically no real supervion of the work in Mexico by the icers of the Board, and those who ve gone could only judge matters what they knew of other peoples d other Missions. California people ow much about the Mexican, many ow the Spanish language more or s intimately, and it will be easy to ve the field visited frequently, inligently and helpfully.

4. Because in this way the Mexican rkers and the members of the congations would come to have a bet- understanding of the source of money given and its real purpose. One of the essential principles of ngregationalism is the sympathetic operation of all elements. Simple pport is a relatively small contribun to real success, and the exercise authority without intimate personal association is diametrically opposed to the principles of democracy.

People whose lives are passed in narrow and wearisome conditions are awakened, comforted and stimulated by visits and other communication from outside. The Latins more than most other peoples love to have something relieve the monotony of life. Frequent sympathetic visitation would in itself give a great impulse to the work, and it would at the same time increase the interest of those at the home base.

9TH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

Pomona College, Claremont, Calif.
June 30-July 7, 1928

THE DAILY SCHEDULE

Morning

6:30 Rising
7:00 Breakfast
8:10 Chapel, under the leadership of the classes on "Worship" and "Church Music." Scripture readings on two mornings by Miss Lucille La Verne.
8:40-9:35 BIBLE COURSES:

High School:

First year: I.
(1) Life of Jesus:
a. "Jesus' Principles of Living" Mrs. J. S. Montague
b. What Jesus Said and Did" Rev. Charles L. Knight

Second Year: II.
(2) a. "Our Christian Faith" Rev. George F. Kenngott
b. "Story of the Bible" Rev. John Gardner

Third Year: III.
(3) a. "Bible Youth in Modern Times" Rev. Holland F. Burr

College:

(4) "Training for Leadership in the Bible" President H. F. Swartz

9:45-10:40 MISSION COURSES:

High School:

First Year: I.
(1) a. "World Service and Young People of Today" Rev. Clarence A. Neff
b. "Problems in the Building of Tomorrow's World" Rev. W. G. Pierce

Second Year: II.
(2) a. "Friendships Near and Far" Miss Bertha Allen
b. "Achieving World Brotherhood" Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse

Third Year: III.
(3) "Quest for the Way of Life" Rev. Leon H. Austin

College:

(4) "Adventure Toward God" Rev. Allan A. Hunter

10:40-11:00 Relaxation Period
11:00-11:55 TRAINING IN LEADERSHIP:

High School:

First Year: I.
(1) a. "Church Music and Worship" Rev. A. S. Donat

Second Year: II.
(2) a. "Young People of the Church" Rev. Sidney H. Buckham

Third Year: III.
(3) a. "Problems of Life and Home" Miss Josephine Kennedy, M.D. Rev. Allan A. Hunter
b. "Science, Religion and Life" Rev. Ralph B. Larkin

College:

(4) "Adventures in Living" Mr. and Mrs. James Wallace

12:15 Luncheon

Afternoon

1:30 Rest and Relaxation
3:00 Directed Recreation
5:45 Dinner

Evening

7:30-9:00—
Saturday: Conference Set-Up, Revs. George F. Kenngott and Paul B. Waterhouse
Sunday:
4:00 p. m. Tea in Patio of the Guild Hall
7:30 p. m. Service of Worship in Bridges Hall. Rev. John Gardner
Monday: Conference Social
Tuesday: Dramatics by several church groups illustrating Bible lessons. Committee: Messrs. Charles A. Wolfe, James Wallace and W. G. Pierce
Wednesday:
3:00 p. m. Start for canyon, games in the afternoon
6:00 p. m. Picnic dinner, addresses under the direction of Rev. Allan A. Hunter
Leave grounds at 8:30 p. m. in procession.
Thursday: Self-expression
Friday: 7:30 p. m. The Claremont church. onference Address, Communion. President H. F. Swartz.
9:30-9:45 Group Quiet Hour with Counsellor
10:00 Lights out

ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCE

President, Rev. W. G. Pierce.
Dean, Rev. G. F. Kenngott.
Executive Secretary, Rev. Paul B. Waterhouse.

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James Wallace, Los Angeles.
Paul B. Waterhouse, Los Angeles.

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Miss Maude Anderson, Los Angeles.
Miss Stella T. Bartlett, Pomona.
Miss Dora M. Booty, Los Angeles.
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Hiss Gertrude Harder, Santa Barbara.
Miss Mabel Hawthorne, Los Angeles.
Dr. Josephine Kennedy, Los Angeles.
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Mrs. M. B. Pendleton, San Gabriel.
Miss Helen Phelps, South Pasadena.
Mrs. W. G. Pierce, Long Beach.
Miss Opal Ray, Westwood Hills.
Miss Sarah Swartz, Sierra Madre.
Mrs. James Wallace, Los Angeles.

The music will be in charge of Rev. A. S. Donat and special music will be a big feature of this year's Conference.

REPORT OF MEXICAN WORK

Rev. R. S. Holding

The Mexican Missions for which the Congregational Church is responsible, according to the laws of comity, are located for the most part in the Pomona Valley. The Mexican population numbers approximately ten thousand and this is a conservative estimate. The church has accepted this task, hence it is ours to face squarely with the facts and ascertain wherein we are remiss in our endeavor. The task when prosecuted in the true missionary spirit becomes an opportunity. When shunned it becomes a problem.

We have in our territory six central points. Pomona, the largest and most centrally located. Puente, the most westerly. East Highland to the east and Ontario, Claremont and Chino, near Pomona. There are resident workers in four of the points, the other two, East Highland and Claremont, served itinerantly.

There are organized churches at Pomona and Chino with a combined membership of 120 members. The total maximum attendance at all the places under consideration is approximately 1,100. A very much larger portion of the Mexican population is favorably affected by the Missions.

Our means of approach varies in the several communities according to facilities and needs. Preaching service, Christian Endeavor, Religious Education, Boy Scouts, playground activities and educational motion pictures constitute the main features. Frequent programs of a patriotic nature or at Christmas time or Easter have called forth the most interest. Visitation in many of the homes that have resulted in much good are reported from several of the stations.

In Pomona a new building is now under process of construction which when completed will cost about $15,000 without furnishings. We believe that this will greatly facilitate the prosecution of the task in Pomona, as the former place of worship was entirely unsuited and inadequate. It is worthy of note that the new edifice is the result of co-operation on the part of several of the resident sister denominations. Five thousand dollars of the entire amount will have been raised in Pomona. A loan and a grant from the Conference and the Congregational Church Building Society respectively, will furnish the bulk of the remaining amount. There are many individual contributions that we would wish to mention, though space forbids.

In Chino the Community Church, with Rev. Harold E. Baker as pastor, is lending splendid co-operation. Five hundred dollars has been pledged from that organization to be paid in monthly installments. The Conference pays the part time worker at Puente the sum of $20. The community gives $25 more, monthly, making $45 for the worker, Mr. J. C. Pacillas.

At East Highlands we have no resident worker and have depended on student helpers. Mr. Lamont Hendrixson, a student in the University of Redlands, is doing efficient Boy Scout work, going once a week and giving a full evening to playground activities and to the Boy Scouts. Up to a very recent date these activities have been supplemented with motion picture programs, the pictures being of the very highest type.

A large number of homes have been reached in Ontario through the playground, story telling hour and the Daily Vacation Bible School. Rev. C. E. Crawford, having recovered his health, will continue in charge of the Pomona church, left by Rev. I. M. Lopez at his death. Mrs. I. M. Lopez with her family will have charge of the Ontario work during the ensuing year.

Our goal is to have a resident worker at each point for which we are responsible. To organize and prosecute effectively a well-rounded social and religious program. To help this people that are in our midst to find their rightful place in our social and religious order.

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THE CHINESE WORK

SAN DIEGO CHINESE MISSION. By far the most notable event of the past year in our Chinese work has been the building and dedicating of the Chinese Mission Chapel and Dormitory at San Diego. The total cost of the building was $14,225. Of this amount the Chinese raised $2,000, the American friends in San Diego $7,225 and we received a grant and a loan of $2,500 each from the Congregational Church Building Society. It is a remarkable thing that there was shrinkage of only $25 of all the pledges made. Sixteen hundred dollars in addition was raised for the furnishing fund, most of which was given in memory of Captain Smith, who for so many years was faithful to the work. Much credit must be given to Mrs. Margaret Fanton who did more than anyone else in raising the funds, and who, in addition, as Chairman of our Oriental Committee in San Diego, gives unstintingly of her time in the actual work for both the Chinese and the Japanese of that city.

The Los Angeles Chinese Church—the only organized Chinese church in our Conference—has at last after many trying vicissitudes found a pastor. Rev. Q. N. Leung, who accepted the call of the church in January of this year, was educated in a Mission School in Canton, China, and after six years' experience in evangelistic work in China, came to this country and for the past three years has worked in the Bay District around San Francisco. We rejoice at his coming and look forward to a greater development of the work under his leadership. The church has just completed an energetic campaign to clear off its share of a note for $2,000 which was due to the Conference. Mention should be made of the quiet and unassuming, yet faithful, work which Mrs. E. M. Findlay has been doing for so many years. She has endeared herself to the hearts of all the Chinese in this community.

The Bakersfield Chinese Mission has made slow but steady progress during the past year. In an attempt to make a closer contact with the Chinese Community, a small room nearer to town was rented, as a social center, where old clothing could be sold, and where old and young could gather for friendly chatter, to play games, or talk over personal problems with the pastor who was always on hand to meet them. The plan has not been so successful as we had hoped, the older conservative Chinese being too reluctant to try the experiment. A new and rather unique development for the younger people is the plan, now under way, of holding joint meetings of the Japanese and Chinese second generation. The fact that our Chinese pastor, Rev. S. K. Lau was for three years pastor of the Chinese church in Kobe, Japan, has a slight knowledge of the Japanese language, and has a broad and open mind toward the Japanese people, enables him to work in close harmony with the pastor of the Japanese Methodist Church in Bakersfield. These young people are Americans and therefore it is not so hard for them to cross the racial lines and join in such meetings, which of necessity must be conducted in the English language. Rev. Anthony S. Donat, pastor of the First Church, Bakersfield, has offered to help start this inter-racial union experiment. Too much cannot be said in appreciation of what he and Miss Harriette Buss are doing for this work.

THE JAPANESE WORK

The Santa Barbara Japanese Church has now completed its first full year as a self-supporting church. It has finished the year with no deficit, has paid in full its accepted apportionment, has set a fine example of unity and service in its own work, and shown a spirit of co-operation in the Conference work that is quite commendable. To Rev. K. Inori, the pastor, is due great credit for the healthy condition of this church.

The Pasadena Union Church is an example of the co-operation of many denominations. A local committee composed of representatives of nearly all the churches of different denominations in Pasadena takes deep interest in the activities of the church, and also materially helps in the finances. A strong Sunday School and Young Peoples' work is being carried on, and the Women's Society is in a thriving condition, but at present certain phases of the work of the church are at a standstill, and a radical change must be made before the church can be built up as it should.

The Japanese Union Church of Los Angeles is the center of a large and growing work right in the heart of the Japanese district of the city. Rev. N. Toku who began as temporary pastor, has now been called as the permanent pastor and is doing excellent work. He is one of the few of the older men who can preach in the Japanese language in such a way that the American born second generation young people can understand and appreciate most of what he says. The able work of Mrs. L. Leech, who has charge of the Junior Church, and general oversight of all the numerous activities of the young people, is largely responsible for the wonderful development of this very important part of our Oriental work. Miss Mary Hall has charge of the night school, and does very effective visitation work in the homes, so that everything possible is being done to build up the life of the church.

The Montebello Mission is continuinig its work for the second generation under the consecrated leadership of Miss Mary Griffith and Miss Ida Jacobs and their corps of volunteer workers from the "Mother Church" at Whittier. The building may have to be moved, owing to the opening of a new road which will cut off part of our property. Fortunately we own the adjoininig lot so that we may still retain the present location.

The Riverside Union Church has shown a steady growth and has now become too large for the present equipment. The problem of a new building sufficient for the needs of the work is facing us. The energetic pastor, Rev. Paul K. Tamura, has a very extensive field, as some of his members come from as far away as the Coachella Valley.

The San Diego Japanese Church, spurred on by the competitive activities of the Buddhists, has reorganized its work, secured Mr. Kushino as assistant to the pastor, purchased a new bus and developed every department of the work to great efficiency. The Buddhists had succeeded in cutting the attendance at the church school to one-half the usual number. Now they have practically won them all back anad the average attendance is larger than ever. This field includes the work at Chula Vista and La Mesa, and since the coming of his assistant, Rev. Nakamura has been able to give more time to the development of these outlying districts.

We wish at this point to gratefully acknowledge the Freeze Bequest to the Trustees of the First Church, on behalf of the Chinese and Japanese in San Diego, five thousand dollars to each. This gift has been of incalculable benefit to this work.

The problem of the second generation is becoming increasingly difficult. At the present time there are at least 25,000 American-born young people of Oriental parentage of school age, on the Pacific Coast, and almost as many more too young to go to school, but who will soon be crowding on to be educated. What of their future? They are American by birth, education and culture, but belong to the Oriental race. Are they to develop a race consciousness because of discrimination, and race prejudice, or can they be absorbed into our complex national life? The situation is particularly acute because the Pacific Coast is unable to find employment even for the white people, so that those of the Oriental race are doubly handicapped when they seek to compete in the ordinary occupations of life. The solution lies along the lines, indicated below, which are already in the process of being worked out:

(a) To form connections with big business concerns in the east and middle west, where positions may be opened to those young people who are prepared to occupy them. The kind of employment open to them and the preparation needed, must be found out and then the young people guided in their preparation for such positions.

(b) To secure a scholarship fund for the placing of these young people in middle west colleges and business colleges, helping them to form their connections in those localities, so that on their graduation they may secure employment there, thus relieving the situation in California by scattering them over the country.

(c) To develop a system of vocational guidance so as to direct those who are to remain on the coast, into the lines of work most suited for them.

(d) To help them in their personal problems, in their relations to Oriental-born parents, to their school and social life, and to their American environment. They need help in the questions of marriage, home building, and civic relationships and above all they must be made to see the great importance of church and religion in the development of their character and spiritual life.

This is a task which challenges us with its magnitude and its importance and it is one in which our Southern California Congregational Conference must take a leading part.

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT AND REGISTRAR

Rev. George F. Kenngott

THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Sunday schools report a total membership, including all departments, of 26,012; with the Independent Mission schools numbering nine, but under the supervision of the Conference or churches within the Conference, having a membership of 350, we have a total Sunday school membership of 26,362. Last year we reported 25,638, making a net gain of 724. Churches report 99 young people's organizations, with a membership of 5,844, while last year our churches reported 4,280—showing a net gain in young people's organizations of 1,564—a remarkable gain. With a membership of 26,362 in the Sunday schools and 5,844 in young people's organizations, with the i creased and modernized equipment our churches for religious educatio with the improvement in the personn and new developments in religiou education, we should have increase additions in the coming years to o churches on confession of faith. Wid surveys, extending over a long perio of time, reveal the fact that the larg majority of church members and be church workers, come into the churc es in the early years of adolescenc If our churches do not get the you people into their membership betwee the years of twelve and sixteen, th will have increasing difficulty in ge ting them later.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

As to the financial reports from t churches, they show contributions the Apportionment for our Conferen work of $65,050; through the Confe ence to the American Board of $3 645. The American Board repor from the churches through the A portionment $33,284 and $11,793, "u designated gifts credited to the Co ference," making a total to the Ame ican Board of $45,077 as compar with $40,950 for the American Boa and Women's Boards for 1926. T Treasurer reports for our nation work, $18,509.55. Mr. F. F. Moo assistant treasurer for the Congreg tional Home Boards, reports a to of $21,322.60, as follows:

Extension Boards	$ 6,948.35
Ministerial Relief	5,492.99
A. M. A.	5.225.97
Education	2,619.17
Foundation	1,036.12
	$21,322.60

Included in the Ministerial Boar report is $2,311.90, being the Chri mas Fund contributions received fr Southern California, and this amou should be included in our report. T difference between our figures and Home Board's total is $3,513.05. T direct contributions received by Home Boards have not been includ in our report. The total receipts the Apportionment amount, therefo to $131,450. In addition there other Apportionment items which w be reported through the Year Bo

CHURCH REPORTS

One hundred and nine of our churches report for home expen $983,813, an increase over 1926 $216,917; of these churches 115 rep church property as worth $6,333,5 an increase over 1926 of $352,8 though one of our churches, wh property is worth at least $300,0 reports it $125,000.

Nineteen of them report inves funds of $907,802, which is nearly set by 45 churches which repor debts amounting to $713,379. Last y several churches report receipt of acies amounting to $46,182. Forty-t new church buildings have been er ed during the last ten years. Seve of these are costly and the great penditure for these new buildi should be considered in connect with our increasing gifts for worldwide missionary enterpris There are still ten or fifteen chu organizations that require new bu ings. With the increased members of our churches, with improved enlarged facilities for worship work, with the consistent growth the membership of our churches, next ten years will doubtless br increased gifts for the enlargemen the Kingdom here and elsewhere.

Seventy-six of our churches paid salaries, $241,154; thirty-four recei missionary aid; 110 reported a tota salaries paid of $257,804; the num of pastoral units is 110, with an erage salary received by the pas of $2,343. Number of churches parsonage, 55. While salaries h increased the last decade, they still quite inadequate in many of smaller churches.